(b) State-wise details of foreign direct investment approved during the last three years is enclosed.

(Rs. in Crores)

State	Amount of Foreign Direct Investment approved		
	1997	1998	1999
Manipur	3.19	—	—
Meghalaya	6.00	44.46	—
Nagaland	3.68	—	—

Payment of Dues to Retired Employees of TTCI Owned Tea Gardens

3090. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 11 and Unstarred Question 1136 given in the Rajya Sabha on 29th November and 13th December, 1999 respectively and state:

(a) what steps are proposed for payment of dues in respect of PF, Gratuity, T.A., Salaries, medical claims and pension to retired employees of TTCI owned Tea Gardens with special reference to Pathini Tea Estate in Barak Valley of Southern Assam;

(b) what steps are being taken for revival of Pathini Tea Estates in Barak Valley; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) to (c) Tea Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (TTCI) is a wholly owned subsidiary of STC, which manages the administration of five tea gardens in the States of West Bengal and Assam including Pathini Tea Estate. The company is facing an acute financial crunch being a loss making company and has been unable to discharge its obligations. The total liability of the Company is estimated around Rs. 36 crores as on 31-1-1997.

TTCI management has filed a petition in Calcutta High Court for liquidation of the company. The case is pending in the Court. The aspect in regard to payment of dues of PF, Gratuity etc, will be taken into consideration based on the judgement of Calcutta High Court in the liquidation case. TTCI

2084 RSS/2000—5

is in the condition of ill economic health and it is not possible for the company to generate funds for the revival of its gardens.

Purchase of Hindi Typewriters

†3091. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the name of such departments under his Ministry which do not have a single Hindi typewriter, so far;

(b) the reasons for not purchasing the Hindi typewirter so far and the officers responsible for such kind of negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure the compliance of targets fixed for the purchase of Hindi typewriters by the Department of Official Language in its annual Hindi programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (c) All Departments under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry are having Hindi typewriters in their offices. All steps have been taken to ensure compliance of targets fixed by the Deptt. of Official Language for the purchase of Hindi typewriters as per the Annual Programme issued by them.

Industrial and Agricultural Export

3092. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the performance of India's industrial and agricultural export during the year 1998-99;

(b) what is the comparative figures for the same for 1997-98; and

(c) the effective measures being taken by Government to increase export of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics the export of major industrial and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.